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Upcoming Events

December 24 Christmas Eve

USAREUR Training Holiday

December 25 Christmas

December 26 St. Stephen's Day

(Germany and Italy) **December 31**

New Year's Eve USAREUR Training

Holiday **January 1** New Year's Day

January 6 Epiphany (Germany and Italy)

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Brigade unfurls its colors

Ceremony marks official relocation to the Kaiserslautern Military Community



A publication of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade

Cold weather and overcast skies didn't keep the crowd away as the 405th Army Field Support Brigade unfurled its colors on Daenner Kaserne and officially began operations in the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

has a long and distinguished history very proud of the work that we do **Col. Jack Haley**, commander of his remarks to the gathered crowd. many years in Seckenheim mission, but we fully intend to

"Our organization in Europe, and we're for Soldiers," said the 405th AFSB in "We spent dedicated to our continue our mission and ensure its success here in Kaiserslautern.

Col. Jack Haley and Maj. Gen. Patricia McQuiston cut the ribbon to the brigade's new headquarters building.

"The unfurling of our colors and the ribbon-cutting (of the new headquarters building) is a simple event, but the action is symbolic of so many things. It's not just about relocating offices. It's about going where the Soldier needs us, becoming part of a new military Family, improving logistics synchronization for the theater, and doing our part to support transformation."

In addition to unfurling its colors, the brigade also rededicated its conference room in honor of Herbert "Deny" Denburg, who served as the brigade's protocol officer for many years prior to his passing in 2002.

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LEADERSHIP NEWS



Col. Jack Haley
405th AFSB Commander

*"I wish you
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As we enter this holiday season, my first and foremost reminder to you is to celebrate in a safe and responsible manner. The safety

of our Soldiers, civilians, contractors and host nation employees is of the utmost importance to me. I hope that you will take the time to enjoy your families and friends and also to pause for a brief moment to remember those in our military family who are serving in deployments across the world far from home.

As we enter the coming new year, I reflect on all that we have accomplished over this past one. Together, we have done so much to help our Soldiers. We have managed to reset and left behind equipment throughout the European theater, and in addition to fulfilling our daily mission, our brigade headquarters has successfully relocated from Seckenheim to Kaiserslautern. This move required a great deal of effort and coordination in addition to our normal duties, and I'm pleased to say that we are now fully operational in our new home. Thanks for all the hard work and positive attitudes!

However, I look forward to making even greater strides in the coming year. My priorities remain left behind equipment and reset. I anticipate that these missions will remain at the forefront of our activity. I'd like to give a special welcome to the newest addition to the brigade staff, our Warrior Transition Unit interns. It's great to see a few more ACUs in the headquarters. The new year will bring plenty of work as we continue to provide top-quality AMC support to the European and African theaters.

As we make all make plans for the upcoming holiday season, Jennifer and I would like to wish all of you a very happy holidays.

The year 2009 was declared the Year of the NCO by Secretary of the Army Peter Geren and kicked off on Jan. 5, 2009, quite appropriately at Fort Bliss, Tex. — home of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. Along with this declaration came the guidance for a year-long set of initiatives to honor NCOs through enhancement of awareness and public understanding of the roles and responsibilities of today's NCO; and to enhance and accelerate the development of NCOs through education, fitness, and leadership development initiatives

This is not the first time in our Army history in which we have declared a year of the NCO. In 1989, the Army theme was "The Year of the NCO," but in my opinion that year was more of a mere proclamation

with no programs nor initiatives, more like a "feel good" type gesture. This netted but a handful of initiatives to further progress our NCO Corps and our Army, of note was the USASMA beginning to teach the Command Sergeants Major Course and PLDC being tied to promotion to SGT.

The 405th adopted the spirit and intent of this charter for 2009 through many varied events which included NCODPs, health and wellness initiatives to include cross-fit to enhance the Army PT program, education drives, speaking engagements, NCO Rides, accentuated pride in service through NCO highlights and put together the 405th NCO Kit. The NCO Kit contents include: The Army Non Commissioned Officer Guide FM 7-22.7, a copy of The Story of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, a facsimile

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reprint of the 1794 edition of Baron von Steubens Revolutionary War Drill Manual, a commemorative 405th Year of the NCO Coin as well as a commemorative Year of the NCO bottle of wine as a memento marking the occasion, all to be presented to every NCO in the brigade as we see 2009 draw to a close. The tenets of Education, Fitness, Leadership and Pride in service were all addressed.

**405th AFSB CSM
Ismael Rodriguez**

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Brigade Ceremony *(continued from front page)*

“Deny Denburg was a true American hero and patriot who served the United States military for more than 42 years and served the Army Materiel Command and this brigade for 15 of those years,” Haley stated in remembrance of Denburg. “Through this rededication, we will continue to honor and remember Deny’s professionalism, humor and spirit.” The 405th AFSB relocated to Kaiserslautern

last month from Hammonds Barracks in Seckenheim as part of the Army’s European Transformation and Global Restructuring and Rebasing strategy. The brigade had been stationed in Seckenheim since July of 1982. The new headquarters is on Daenne Kaserne in Building 3107.

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NEWS

3/405th AFSB supports USAID resupply mission

The 3/405th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) recently completed a resupply operation in support of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. Due to recent disasters in the Pacific Rim, USAID's relief supply inventory in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, needed to be restocked.

"Our battalion maintains USAID's emergency relief supply under an interagency agreement," explained **Lt. Col. (Promotable) Roger McCreery**, commander of the 3/405th AFSB. "In addition to preparing USAID relief supplies for shipment directly to a disaster area, we also maintain their stocks and can ship them to the two other USAID warehouses in Dubai and Miami. In this case, because USAID had airlifted a large amount of supplies in support of relief efforts throughout the Pacific region, we sent USAID supplies from our facilities in Italy to replenish their disaster relief stockpiles in Dubai."

For this shipment, the battalion prepared 15,360 hygiene kits and 36,000 10-liter collapsible water containers for shipment. According to information provided by **Alberto Chidini**, who oversees the USAID mission for the battalion, each hygiene kit includes laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, toothpaste and a toothbrush, as well as other personal hygiene supplies a family might need in the event of a disaster.

Recent disasters in the Pacific Rim include a tropical storm in the Philippines, tsunamis in Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa, an earthquake in Indonesia, flooding in Laos and a typhoon and flooding in Vietnam.

The 3/405th AFSB, which is located at Leghorn Army Depot, Italy, is responsible for the storage and maintenance of USAID emergency humanitarian assistance commodities under an inter-agency agreement between the U.S. Army and the U.S. State



USAREUR Chief of Staff gets new assignment

Department.

USAREUR press release

The Chief of Staff of the Army announced Monday the assignment of Maj. Gen. Byron S. Bagby, currently U.S. Army Europe's Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Germany, to Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations/Commander, Allied Joint Force Command-Brunssum, Deployable Joint Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Response Force, the Netherlands.

Bagby, a native of Fulton, Mo., assumed duties at USAREUR in July, 2008. His previous assignment was the Commandant of Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., from October 2006 until July 2008.

Brigadier General (Promotable) Robert B. Brown, Deputy Commanding General (Support), 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is to be assigned as Chief of Staff, USAREUR and Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Germany.

Brown, a native of Michigan, was commissioned in the Infantry from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1981.

Maj. Gen. Byron Bagby



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CSM Rodriguez's Column *(continued from page 2)*

At the Army level we have seen many initiatives which include publishing "The LongHard Road," which is a compilation of NCO experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan, a revamped effort at increasing the publication of the NCO Journal, the renovation of the NCO Museum at Fort Bliss, Army Strong® commercials focusing on NCO leadership, transformation of NCOES and the development of the online career tracker which launches in 2010 to name just a few.

All in all, it has been an undeniably great year for the Army, and the Year of the NCO has been a resounding success Army-wide. The tangible benefits of this year's initiatives are palpable, well received, beneficial to the institution, the individual NCO Warrior and ultimately to our junior Warriors. Job well done; we as an Army got it right.

A wise leader once said, and I quote, "every year is the year of the NCO." I embrace the thought and interpret it to mean that we must continue the initiatives to improve our Army, our NCO Corps and ourselves. We must continue to lead from the front with eyeball to eyeball leadership, training and care of our warriors. We must continue to support our officers and advise them well, protecting that bond of trust with dogged determination. We must forever remain to be the backbone of the Army.

To the 405th AFSB NCOs and those who stumble onto this column, we have all rejoiced and appreciated the adulation and recognition. We also appreciate what all the NCOs before us from the Continental Army in 1775 through today's warrior have done to legitimize and elevate our stature and the trust of our officers and our nation, but in truth and as designed, the wheels of NCO leadership continue to turn, business as usual, let's continue putting our noses to the proverbial grindstone, there is a lot more work to be done.

Maintain the line, anywhere, anytime.



The deadline for this year's Combined Federal Campaign contributions has been extended until Dec. 23. Please contact **Sgt. Michael Beesley** for more information or to make a contribution.



U.S. Army Europe has posted the 2010 holiday schedule (including training holidays) online at <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/calendars/2010-TrainingHolidays-EuropeanFormat.pdf>

f. (Note that training holidays for Fiscal Year 2011 are not yet available.)

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The Long Haul is required by U.S. Army Europe to publish the following in command publications on a quarterly basis:

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Heidelberg and other cities to begin vehicle emissions restrictions on Jan. 1

By Robert Szostek, U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal Public Affairs Office

Owners of vehicles that do not have German emissions decals will not be able to drive those vehicles around the center of Heidelberg beginning Jan. 1.

The environmental protection zone that comes into effect that day covers Campbell Barracks, Mark Twain Village and Nachrichten Kaserne. It does not reach as far as Patrick Henry Village or Patton Barracks. A map of the zone is available online on the German Federal Environmental Bureau site is available by visiting <http://gis.uba.de/Website/umweltzonen/pdf/Heidelberg.pdf>.

"People who need to travel in the affected area and have a (privately owned vehicle) that does not qualify for an emissions decal will have to buy a conforming vehicle, convert their vehicle to meet the emission standards, or use public transportation," said **Tom Lorenzini**, registrar at the U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles. Motorcycles are exempt from these rules.

Osnabrück, Bonn, Freiburg and Pfinztal will also begin enforcing emissions zones in January.

German cities can set up environmental protection zones (Umweltzone) and exclude motor vehicles with particularly high emission levels. In January 2008 Berlin, Hannover and Köln became the first to enforce the initiative to reduce the amount of fine dust and nitrogen dioxide in the air. Stuttgart and Mannheim have been protection zones since March 2008.

The law requires vehicles to have an emissions decal displayed in the lower right side of the windshield (the opposite side from the driver on left-hand drive vehicles) to enter a protection zone. "Failure to display a sticker in a protection zone can result in a €40 fine," Lorenzini added.

USAREUR vehicle registration offices provide the decals free of charge for qualified vehicles. There are four emissions categories, with the following basic rules:

Emission Category 1: Prohibited in Umweltzone zones are: Vehicles with diesel engines registered before Jan. 1, 1997, and vehicles with gasoline engines registered before Jan. 1, 1993. These vehicles will not get a sticker and cannot be driven in

the restricted zones.

Emission Category 2: Vehicles with diesel engines registered from Jan. 1, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2000, get a red sticker and are allowed to drive for five years only, during which time they have to be converted to the standards of Category 3 or 4.

Emission Category 3: Vehicles with diesel engines registered from Jan. 1, 2001, to Dec. 31, 2005, get a yellow sticker and will eventually be banned from city centers if not converted to Category 4.

Emission Category 4: Vehicles with diesel engines registered from Jan. 1, 2006, or with gasoline engines registered after Jan. 1, 1993, get a green sticker and can be driven in emissions zones with no restrictions.

For more information on Umweltzone policies and zone maps, visit <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/emissions.htm> or call the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles customer service office at 386-7289.

NEWS



Be a “wreck”-less driver this winter

*Tips provided by Robert L. Van Elsberg, U.S.
Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center*

Prepare for the trip

Maintain your car. Check battery and tire

tread, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the window washer reservoir, check your antifreeze. Have the right equipment on hand. Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.

Have a stall plan. If your car stalls, stay with it, don't over exert yourself, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light. If you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

Plan your route

Allow plenty of time and check the weather and leave early if necessary. Be familiar with the maps and directions. Let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice cold weather driving

During daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on the ice or snow in an empty lot. Steer into a skid. Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump non-antilock brakes. Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.

Protect yourself

Buckle up and use child safety seats properly. Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space. Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an airbag. Children 12 and under are much safer in the backseat. Sit at least 10 inches from an airbag.

Prevent crashes

Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving. Slow down and increase distances between cars. Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road. Avoid fatigue. Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.

405th AFSB Safety Officer: LeMarco Walter

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The Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recalls:

Stork Craft drop-side cribs—recalled for infant entrapment and suffocation; 110 incidents includes 15 entrapments, four suffocations, and 20 falls resulting in concussions, bumps and bruises; sold at major U.S. retailers include J.C. Penney, Kmart, Sears, USA Baby and Wal-mart stores, as well as online at Amazon.com, Babiesrus.com, Costco.com, Target.com and Wal-mart.com.

LaJobi “Molly” and “Betsy” cribs—recalled for entrapment and strangulation; one death recorded; sold at specialty stores nationwide since 2001; manufactured in Italy.

Haier Blenders—recalled due to laceration hazard; blade assemblies may fall apart or break; 60 incidents includes one incident of laceration.

Amby Baby Motion Beds/Hammocks— recalled for suffocation hazard; two deaths reported; sold online.

Evenflo ExerSaucer 1-2-3 Tea for Me Activity Learning Centers— recalled due to choking hazard; 11 incidents recorded; sold at Toys “R” Us and other juvenile product stores.

Simon & Schuster “Monday the Bullfrog” Plush Books—recalled due to choking hazard; sold at bookstores and retailers nationwide and online.

Little Miss Matcher Girl’s Pajama Set— recalled due to flammability standard; sold nationwide at various retailers.

For more information on any of these recalls, visit www.cpsc.gov.



RDECOM Deputy Commander visits the brigade

The 405th Army Field Support Brigade recently hosted **Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene**, the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Greene visited the brigade to discuss the integration of military technology, specifically the Field Assistance in Science and Technology team’s activities into the brigade’s operations.

“Part of what the RDECOM Forward Element Commands do is sometimes misunderstood,” Greene said. “They are dedicated to the science and technology mission, and they execute in three main areas: standardization, technical searching, and science and technology. We believe that the science and technology mission has a direct connection to the AFSBs.”

The relationship between the 405th AF and the European FAST team is a unique one. **Lt. Col. Kevin Vanyo**, a uniformed military scientist assigned to U.S. Army Europe, serves as the brigade’s liaison to the FAST team. Although the AFSB has no oversight or management of the FAST program, the brigade is able to assist the FAST team by providing a direct link to various Army units which it supports, especially between the FAST team and the brigade logistics support teams and logistics support elements.

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NEWS

Camp Darby celebrates Thanksgiving

By Chiara Mattiolo , U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby family celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional luncheon at the Darby Community Club Nov. 26.

"While we celebrate Thanksgiving here, we need to dedicate a special thought to our fellow service members, Italians and Americans who are now deployed and to their families," said **Lt. Col. Roger McCreery**, 3/405th Army Field Support Battalion commander, in his speech preceding the Thanksgiving lunch.

After Father Roberto, a local Italian Catholic Priest, blessed the meal and those in attendance the serving senior service members donned their aprons and served the junior service members roast turkey, ham, beef, potatoes, carrots, corns and sweet potatoes.

"The Thanksgiving luncheon is a chance for those single service-members here at Darby to regain that sense of family that you don't normally get being away from home," said **Air-**

Lt. Col. (Promotable) Roger McCreery, commander of the 3/405th AFSB, was the keynote speaker at Camp Darby's Thanksgiving lunch.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

man 1st Class Daryl Perales, Better Opportunities for Single Service Member president. "It's a huge morale booster and BOSS is happy to provide that at every opportunity we get."

"To me this was a chance to celebrate and the food was excellent; even if I am far from my family I got something to do on this special day," said **Pfc. Thomas Kime**, 511th Military Police Platoon.

"We used this event as a way of showing appreciation to the young service members for serving our Nation," said U.S. Army Garrison Livorno **Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez**. "Camp Darby is a big family, even if the service member's family may not be here with them, we are here with them and for them."

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday festivities. The community will gather again on Dec. 4 for the tree lighting ceremony and the holiday bazaar.



All employees must complete SAEDA training by the end of January. Contact the 405th AFSB Training Officer Ollie Howze at DSN 483-4051 for more information about scheduled training and locations.

NEWS

Kaiserslautern announces holiday health clinic update

Information provided by U.S. Army Health Clinic Kaiserslautern

December Holiday Update: The Kaiserslautern Health Clinic will have a large Medical Readiness Event all day on Dec. 9. Please plan any walk-in visits for the day before or after if possible. The clinic is open from 7 a.m. until noon on Dec. 18 and closed completely in the afternoon. The clinic is closed for Federal Holidays on Dec. 25 and 31 and ERMC/LRMC Training Holidays on Dec. 24 and Jan. 1, 2010. The LRMC Pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. for those that need to pick up medications on the training holidays. The clinic will reopen completely at 7 a.m. on Monday Jan. 4, 2010. If you need medical advice, please call the Nurse Advice Line 24 hours a day and toll-free at 00800-47592330. For medical emergencies dial 112 (off post) or 116 (on post).

Immunization hour changes: To minimize patient wait time we have changed our walk in immunization hours for family members to Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.. Call 0631-411-7675 or 483-7675 or e-mail full name and date of birth of individual requiring vaccinations to kleber.clinic@amedd.army.mil one day prior to reduce your wait time even more.

Soldier Medical Readiness Center (SMRC) Hours of Operation: In order to provide the fastest care for deploying and re-deploying Warriors the clinic has modified its walk in hours.

Monday - Wednesday, Thursday:

7 a.m.—8 a.m. Inprocessing Soldiers

8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Any Deployment-related medical readiness to include pre and post deployment health assessment screenings (Part 2 appointments with a provider will be scheduled at this time)

1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.: All services to include: Immunizations, MEDPROS Updates, Vision and Hearing Screenings, and deployment services. Pre & Post-Deploying Soldiers have priority.

Friday: 7 a.m.—8 a.m. Inprocessing Soldiers

8 a.m.—11:30 a.m. All Services, no appointment needed

Closed Friday afternoon for training

For more info call 483-6265 or 0162-2730099 or e-mail kleber.clinic@amedd.army.mil.

Flu Prevention: What You Can Do

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

If you become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider.

If you get sick with influenza, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Breaking News!

As the newsletter prepared to go to print, the U.S.

Europe Regional Medical Command announced that the H1N1 vaccination is now available in the European theater for eligible beneficiaries. Contact your local health clinic for more information and immunization hours and details.

NEWS

Affairs Office



One advantage of being stationed in Europe is that friends and family can visit and get that real Old World travel experience. They can also share the burden of driving if you go off on trips with them. But you must get customs approval first if you want to let them drive your U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR)-plated car on their own excursions.

“Just go to your local military customs office and fill out the application form,” said **Bill Johnson**, director of the USAREUR Customs Executive Agency. “If you want to have the paperwork ready when your relatives or friends arrive, you should bring along clear copies of their passports and Stateside or international driver’s licenses,” he added.

Two things to remember, customs officials said, are that guests cannot be residents in Germany or dependents of the servicemember they are visiting. It is also important to make sure guests are covered by their hosts' automobile insurance policies.

Guests can use this exception to policy to drive a **U.S. Army Europe officials outline rules for allowing guests to drive USAREUR-plated private vehicles in Germany**

By Robert Szostek, U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal Public

USAREUR-registered privately owned vehicle in Germany for up to 90 days after entering the European Union. The authorization document must be in the car when guests use a vehicle independently, along with their passports, the vehicle registration, proof of insurance and the guests' international driver's licenses (or official translations of their licenses).

“Driving in Germany is tax- and duty-free for U.S. forces personnel and their dependents,” Johnson explained, which is why the customs authorization is required for guests.

But he warned that this exception to policy does not let your guests buy gas at Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas stations or use your AAFES fuel card. Visitors to Germany who rent a car may not use AAFES gas stations or fuel cards as well.

For more information visit any military customs office in Germany, call the Customs Hot Line at DSN 3817610 or 0621-7307610, or visit the customs Web site at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custom3.htm.
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One of the brigade's key missions is the integration and synchronization of technology within the European theater of operations, a mission that is being worked jointly with the FAST team. A goal of this mission is to leverage professional networking at the tactical level, especially for the BLST and LSE teams. By reaching out directly to Soldiers in the field through the brigade, RDECOM can provide immediate reach back capability through its Quick Reaction Cells, designed to get Soldiers the scientific assistance they need as quickly as possible. This direct military-to-military contact is a key component to the mission's success.

For example, if a Soldier has a problem with a piece of newly developed equipment or has a suggestion for materiel improvement, the Soldier would go directly to the AFSB field representative. The information would be communicated directly from the AFSB representative through the brigade's Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Office to Vanyo, giving each Soldier a direct line of communication with military scientists and technology experts.

“Our relationship works very well,” explained **Col. Jack Haley**, commander of the 405th AFSB. “One of our primary missions is the education of BLST and LSE chiefs and commanders to help them understand acquisition, logistics and technology. The FAST team's mission is parallel to ours, so it's a natural extension for us to work together. I believe that our relationship with science advisors throughout the European theater will only improve with time because it is a priority for us. We don't have a formal relationship with the FAST team – we have a partnership.”

Greene is also interested in increasing the symbiotic relationship between the science advisors and the brigade.

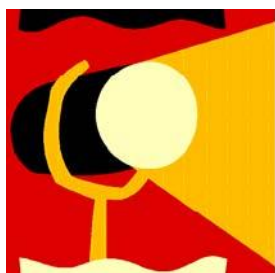
“In addition to building the relationship now, we must also keep one eye on the future,” he told the brigade’s staff members during his visit. “We must develop an integrated plan to build the framework for the future, and we must capture the lessons learned as we move forward.”

As he departed the brigade’s headquarters, Greene thanked the brigade’s staff for their hospitality and assistance.

“I really appreciate the briefing and all of the information that you have shared with me,” Greene said. “This has really helped me understand the way some of our missions go together and how we’re working together to accomplish them, and this has been very valuable to me.”

For more information on the 405th AFSB’s AL&T mission, contact **Lt. Col. Eric Helm** at DSN 314-483-4016 or commercial at 0049-631-411-4016.

FEATURES



Spotlight On... Dan Lerma 405th AFSB S-8

Hometown: Born in Laredo, Tex.,

but grew up in Corpus Christi, Tex.

Hobbies: Harley's

Favorite Thing About Living in Germany: I get to see my three children and seven grandchildren.

Favorite Quote: *"It is better to be silent and be thought a fool as to open your mouth and remove all doubt."* - Confucius

Favorite Book: *"I Lost My Heart at Wounded Knee"* because of my Indian ancestry

Favorite Television Show: "The Jay Leno Show"
Favorite Movie: *"Lord of the Rings"*



Dan Lerma says that riding Harley Davidson motorcycles is one of his favorite hobbies. Photo provided by Dan Lerma



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